California School-Based MAA Manual

SECTION 10

Determining the Medi-Cal Percentage

Definition of the Medi-Cal Percentage

The Medi-Cal percentage is the fraction of persons who are actual clients of the Medi-Cal program, as identified on the DHS tape match. The numerator is the number of the Medi-Cal students and the denominator is the total number of students.

The only approved methodology is the actual client count (as determined by the DHS tape match). This methodology is described below. The Medi-Cal percentage must be redetermined quarterly and must be updated with each invoice submitted to DHS.

Actual Client Count/DHS Tape Match

The actual client count (as determined by the DHS tape match) is determined by dividing the total number of Medi-Cal clients by the total number of all individuals served by the claiming unit. The total number of all individuals served by the claiming unit is defined in the operational plan as the target population. The Medi-Cal percentage is the fraction of a claiming unit's target population that consists of actual clients of the Medi-Cal program. To use this methodology, the claiming unit must define the population "served" and identify the Medi-Cal status of each person.

Overview of the Approved Methodology

The portion of costs that can be claimed as allowable for some MAA is based on the Medi-Cal percentage. Costs are reduced or "discounted" by the Medi-Cal percentage when the activity benefits or involves both Medi-Cal and non-Medi-Cal populations. The Medi-Cal percentage must be redetermined each quarter.

The following MAA codes require discounting by the Medi-Cal percentage:

CODE 8 – Ongoing Referral, Coordination, and Monitoring of Medi-Cal Covered Services

CODE 10 – Transportation-Related Activities in Support of Medi-Cal Covered Services

CODE12 – Translation-Related to Medi-Cal Covered Services

CODE 14 – Program Planning and Policy Development, and Interagency Coordination (PPPD&IC) Related to Medi-Cal Services

$$Medicaid\ Costs\ =\ \left[\frac{Total\ Number\ of\ MediCal\ Students}{Total\ Number\ of\ Students}\right]\ X\ \ Costs\ to\ be\ Allocated$$